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SUBJECT: NARCOTIC HELICOPTER SUPPORT

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1. PER REFTEL EMBASSY IS CONSIDERING TACTICAL TRAINING FOR AIRCRAFT CREWS AS A PORTION OF THE NARCOTIC HELICOPTER SUPPORT PROGRAM. THE TYPE OF TACTICAL TRAINING REQUIRED IS THAT WHICH WOULD BE USED BY TWO TO SEVEN HELICOPTERS IN AN OPERATION AGAINST A NARCOTIC LABORATORY OR HUMAN PACK CARAVAN BOTH PROTECTED BY ARMED ELEMENTS. THE OPERATIONS WOULD TAKE PLACE IN RUGGED MOUNTAIN AREAS OF NORTHERN THAILAND BUT ALSO MIGHT TAKE PLACE IN FLAT BUT HEAVY JUNGLE AREAS.

2. WE DESIRE INITIALLY TO TRAIN UP TO FOURTEEN (14) PILOTS PLUS CREW CHIEF AND HELPER. THE TRAINING SHOULD BE PRESENTED IN THAILAND.

3. FOLLOWING INITIAL TRAINING OF PILOTS AND CREWS, THE DEVELOPMENT WITHIN THE AVIATION DIVISION OF AN
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IN-SERVICE TACTICAL TRAINING FOR PILOTS, CREW AND GROUND FORCES IS DESIRED. THIS TRAINING SHOULD ALSO BE PRESENTED IN THAILAND.

4. PERSONNEL COMPOSING THE DESIRED TRAINING TEAM MUST BE FULLY VERSED IN SMALL UNIT AVIATION SUPPORT OPERATIONS SUCH AS UTILIZED BY U.S. ARMY SPECIAL FORCES AND RANGERS.

5. WE REQUEST S/NM DETERMINE THE AVAILABILITY OF SUCH
TRAINING PERSONNEL, THE COSTS, THE OBTAINING OF A
PROPOSED PROGRAM OF INSTRUCTION (POI) FOR REVIEW BY
EMBASSY. ABRAMOWITZ

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